

David J. Bradley, Clerk

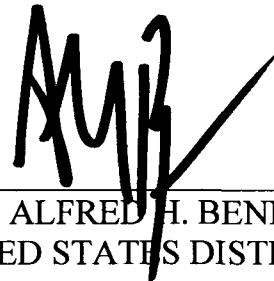
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Robinson now seeks an order in the form of a writ of mandamus to compel the Harris County Clerk's Office to respond to his requests for information and records related to his criminal proceedings in the trial court. Robinson's request for a federal writ of mandamus is governed by 28 U.S.C. § 1361. This statute provides that district courts shall have "original jurisdiction of any action in the nature of mandamus to compel an officer or employee of the United States or any agency thereof to perform a duty owed to the plaintiff." 28 U.S.C. § 1361. Robinson is not entitled to a writ of mandamus because the Harris County Clerk is a state official, and not an officer or employee of the United States. This Court has no power to issue federal writs of mandamus to direct state

officials in the performance of their duties. *See Moya v. Clerk, DeKalb County Superior Court*, 474 F.2d 1275, 1275–76 (5th Cir. 1973). Robinson’s petition for a writ of mandamus, (Docket Entry No. 9), is **DENIED**.

Robinson also requests a second extension of 30 days, in which to supplement his petition with exhibits and a memorandum of law. The motion for an extension of time, (Docket Entry No. 10), is **GRANTED**. Robinson will file any supplemental pleadings within 30 days of the date of this Order.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, on MAR 05 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AHB', is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the name 'ALFRED H. BENNETT' and title 'UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE' are printed.

ALFRED H. BENNETT  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE